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M.D. BATTLE RIVER COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council of the Municipal District of Battle River met in the Municipal Office at Irma, Alta., with all members present. The minutes of November 12th were read and on motion of Mr. Burton were accepted as read and carried.

Moved by Mr. Burton that the report from Mr. Smallwood as one of the Committee on Business Tax by-law, and Seed Grain be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Santee that the report from Mr. Santee that the report from Messrs. Smallwood & Vesey to the Municipal Convention be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burrell that the Council accept the amount of \$200.00 from Mr. Santee, damage claim of Mr. Steel, horses received by Mr. Santee from the poundkeeper in Div. 1. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that a check for the amount of \$200.00 be drawn on the Municipal account in favour of Kenny & McKenzie regarding Steele damage claim. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Santee that the Council accept the amount \$101.20 to be applied against the arrears of taxes on the N. half of 17-44-9-w4th and that this Council grant an extension of time to November 1st, 1930, on the agreement of sale of this land to H. H. Esington. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burrell that this Council grant an extension of time to Dec. 1st, 1930, on agreement of W. Adams on the N. E. 4-45-7-w4th. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that the correspondence re Russell and Clapp be tabled until next meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burton that the correspondence re Clara Sharkey be placed on file for future reference. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that the correspondence re Marion McLean be placed on file. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burrell that Secretary notify N. V. King, poundkeeper for Division 1, to destroy the Buckskin Mare impounded in his pound according to Section 46 Sub Section 3, Page 15, Domestic Animals Act.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that the correspondence from C. G. Parvis, Barrister, Viking, Alta., re the Gas Well Assessment be tabled until next meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that the Richardson Road Machy, Saskatoon, account for \$146.90 for Grader be passed and paid. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burrell that the following Bills and Time Sheets be passed and paid.

Calgary Power—Elec. light \$2.30

Irma Times—Papers, Nov. 24.00

West. Mun. News—Stationery 25.75

W. R. Askin—Labour Div. 5 4.50

W. E. Washburn—Hdwr Div. 6 1.95

J. J. Burrell—Comm. Migs. and Mileage 35.80

H. D. Vesey—Cun. Comm. Migs. and Mileage 18.80

A. A. Fischer—Coun. Comm. Migs. and Mileage 89.80

W. A. Burton—Coun. Comm. Migs. and Mileage 78.20

R. D. Smallwood—Coun. Comm. Migs. & Mileage 53.50

R. J. Tate—Salary, Sept., Oct. and Nov. 400.00

I. E. Woods, Time Sheet, Div. 6 40.00

Moved by Mr. Santee that Sanford Merrick be appointed returning Officer for this Municipality. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that H. Carter Sr. be appointed D.R.O. for Div. 4 The Municipal Office at Irma to be the Polling Place. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Santee that Frank Seabrook be appointed D.R.O. for Div. 1. The Fabryn School be the polling place.

Moved by Mr. Burrell that C. T. Hill be D.R.O. for Div. 2. Place of polling to be F. Weisse's house on the N.W. 30-44-9-w4th.

Moved by Mr. Vesey that Council adjourn.

WANTED—A few good Buff Orpington Cockerels. Also have some of same breed for sale or exchange. Joe Gulbran, Phone 446, Irma, Alberta. 10-12p

FOR SALE—McLaughlin Touring car, will trade for cattle or horses. W. H. Morse, N.W. 10-46-8-w4th, Irma, Alta. 10-12p

FOR SALE—Three old Geese, Gander, and several young ones. R. S. Lissen, Jarow, Alta. 7-10p

WEEKLY LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL

The past week was marked by an historical event in the story of Alberta's development, when the Red Air Armada carrying heavy bags of mail started for the north on Sunday and flew to McMurray and other northern points, thus opening up the first regular mail service to the Arctic.

So wide-spread has been the interest in this event that heavy space in all offices throughout Canada and many in the United States has been given to the event.

For the first time the snow covered, ice-bound areas beyond the settled outskirts of the Dominion will be given the comfort and convenience of regular mails. Edmonton as the base for this remarkable undertaking is duly proud of itself.

Crime Breaks Out.

Two thugs were captured by city policemen at the week-end after a lively gun fight in the alleys and back lanes of the city. It is not usual for this sort of thing to mark arrests in Edmonton, but the police are to be congratulated on a bold and clever halt to the careers of at least two of the most unscrupulous law breakers in the capital.

The episode reminded one more of Chicago than of a happening in a Canadian city.

Weather Was Coldest.

King Winter came with his keenest temptations during the week. Cold, crisp, frosty days, with a biting wind to add to the discomforts of the streets. The mercury dropped to 28 degrees below zero one day and hovered around 20 degrees for most of the time. Edmontonians were hurrying through the coldest streets to do their buying and selling.

At all such times people who have automobiles are inclined to leave them in the garage and to use the electric cars. This means crowding and slowing up of the service, which makes for delay and discomfort. But it is a remarkable fact that Edmontonians are a happy good natured sort of people and there was actually no complaints sent into the street car management. Sometimes the service was described as "rotten" during the week, but for the most part everything was happy. Christmas shopping went on just the same. There was no slackening up of business for the cold.

Resources Agreement.

Word was received over the week end that the agreement between the provinces of Manitoba and Alberta transferring the natural resources from federal control to the provincial governments' control was signed in Ottawa.

Premier Brownlee's success in bringing the long vexed question to a successful issue has greatly pleased everybody in Edmonton. The terms of the agreement are most satisfactory. It is generally considered by people regardless of party leanings. The provisions of the agreement are:

- (1) The province gets all its unalienated possessions.
- (2) The subsidy in lieu of alienated resources amounting to \$500,000 to be increased as population increases to a maximum of \$1,125,000.
- (3) School lands are to be administered in accordance with the laws of the province.
- (4) Natural parks are to remain in the first instance with the Dominion, but the province is to have the right to mineral exploitation and the distribution of revenues is to be subject of future agreements when the necessity arises.
- (5) There is to be a commission to decide if the province is entitled to any special advantages by reason of alienation of resources.
- (6) There is to be a reclassification of park boundaries to eliminate all the present mineral developments and hand them to the province, and also to include Spray Lakes from federal control.

The briefs are the conditions on which the Premier Brownlee is to be returned. Premier Brownlee in a special message to the Capital on Sunday expressed himself as highly satisfied with the agreement.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KINSELLA

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones and daughter, of Irma, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Eaton.

School is closing here on the 20th for the Christmas holidays and are holding their Christmas concert on Saturday night in the school.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid was held on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. James Murray. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President Mrs. Frank Murray, Vice-President Mrs. Jack Neale, Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. William Anderson.

The social club of the W. I. are putting on a dance in Lee's Hall on New Year's Eve.

TEN YEARS AGO

From Irma Times, Dec. 12th, 1919
Announcement of wedding of Miss. Bessie Pickle and Geo. Hudson, M.L.A. on December 5th.

Geo. Goodale left to spend winter at Hamilton, Ont.

W. O. Eaton returned from Ontario.

Ladies Aid realized \$150.00 from bazaar.

From Irma Times, Dec. 26th, 1919

Wm. Anderson spent holidays in Edmonton.

Chas. Walker returned after visiting in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Schaffer left for Hamilton, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark of Manitou, Manitoba, were visiting at Clark Manor.

Feed for live stock was getting very scarce.

If you have something valuable that you don't want and somebody else can use it, an ad. in this paper will sell it for you.—Try it.

The Election Over.

The new city council held its first meeting on Thursday and became constituted for work in the interests of the citizens. The smoke of the election battle has died down. What was described as one of the dirtiest of civic elections, while it was in progress, seems to have left no disagreeable aftermath. Everybody seems happy and for the most part contented over the result. Of course the disappointed candidates for civic honors are "put out" in more senses than one, but Canadian public men are for the most part good sports and they take their beatings hopefully; another chance will present itself some day.

Firemen in Edmonton had a three and a half hour battle with one of the worst apartment fires in the city, Saturday morning early. An apartment building at the corner of 97 street and 106 avenue was gutted by the flames and damage of \$50,000 done. The tenants in the block had a narrow escape from injury in the fire.

Five families were made homeless by the blaze and most of them had only time to escape from the building in their night clothing before the whole structure became a raging furnace.

It is thought the fire started in a basement and made its way quickly through the business places and stores on the first floor then climbed to the residential portion on the upper storeys.

The homeless fugitives from the fire were taken care of by the officials of the Salvation Army until clothing and other aid and accommodation could be secured.

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive in the city is nearing its objective. To date 50 new members have joined up and the outlook is for an added number to complete the role desired will be secured in the next day or two.

Much interest has been manifested in the meeting during the week at the Legislative Buildings of the heads and representatives of Alberta municipalities to consider the solution of the unemployment problem in the province. The general opinion has been, as expressed by delegates, that it is unfair of the Dominion to say unemployment is solely a matter for the provinces and the municipalities. Some sort of dominion assistance and share in the burden should be given.

CHURCHES PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

UNITED CHURCH NOTES

The present severe weather has prevented the holding of services in the country much to the regret of the pastor. It is hoped that there will be a special effort to have a service at Alma Mater next Sunday. The services will be of special nature and the topic will be "The Message of Christmas." There will be special music in town. Everyone is cordially invited.

There will be a lantern lecture on Monday, December 30, in the Church. The topic will be "John Knox," in addition to this slides will be shown depicting scenes and customs of the East in the time of Christ. There will be a collection to defray expenses, the balance will go to Missions.

ANGELIC CHURCH SERVICE

Service will be held on Sunday next, December 22nd in the Irma United Church at 2 p.m. As this will be the Christmas service there will be a celebration of Holy Communion and Christmas hymns. Everybody welcome.

The W. A. of the Anglican Church are having a Christmas Tree and Social evening in Kieffer's Hall on Friday, December 27th at 7.30 p.m. There will be presents on the Tree for the children of the Anglican Sunday school. Everybody welcome. Come and have a jolly time. Ladies please bring cake or sandwiches.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES

Mrs. S. A. Steele, wife of the late Mr. B. Steele, who passed away about five years ago, passed away very suddenly Wednesday morning, December 18th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. C. Knudson, Irma. Mrs. Steele was taken ill about two weeks ago and was advised by her doctor to come to Irma so he could see her daily. She had so far recovered apparently, that her physician had discontinued his daily visits and she was looking forward to having her meals with the family on Wednesday. On Tuesday evening she read and chatted with members of the family until quite late and retired to all appearances feeling quite well, but she was called away before morning without sign of pain or struggle.

The late Mrs. Steele was one of the earliest settlers in the Irma district coming to Alberta from Ottawa, where her husband and family over twenty years ago. She was born at Merivale, Near Ottawa, Ontario, six to five years ago and lived in the Ottawa valley until coming to Alberta. Three sons and three daughters are left to mourn her loss. They are William T. and Clark M. Steele of Irma, and J. Keith Steele, Alameda, California. Mrs. R. R. Deans, Toronto. Mrs. J. J. Wakefield, Fabyan, and Mrs. I. C. Knudson of Irma. She also leaves four brothers and one sister, J. G. and Woodruff Clark, Irma, William Clark, Dauphin, Man., and R. C. Clark, Ottawa, and Mrs. Wilber Falls, Carp, Ont. The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the United Church, Irma, to the Irma Cemetery where her late husband lies.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

The letters A.H. after a name indicates an average honor standing, that is, 75 per cent or more. F.H. indicates an average standing of 60 per cent or over. The other marks their usual significance.

Grade XI.—Eleanor Barber A.H., Beulah Blade (7, 1, 2); Marjorie Locke F.H.; Mary Landers (6, 0, 0); Helen McDowell (8, 1, 0); Bernice Mathison A.H.; Ethel Milburn (7, 5, 1); Harriet Nash (6, 3, 0); Margaret Rae (5, 3, 1); Phyllis Thurston A.H.; Myrtle Glasgow (8, 2, 0).

Grade XII.—Bertie Se'ladt (7, 0, 0); Violet Simmons (5, 1, 0).

Grade X.—Eva Condon (6, 1, 3); Elizabeth Higginson (7, 4, 1); Bjarne Larson A.H.; Ena Syne (6, 2, 0); Herbert Smith (7, 3, 0); Vera Herbert (3, 0, 1).

Grade IX.—Floyd Fudor (7, 0, 0); Robert Maguire (7, 0, 3); Clara Miles A.H.; Anna Peterson (6, 0, 1); John Schornert (7, 2, 0); Clifford Smallwood (7, 1, 0); Raymond Stinson (7, 0, 2).

Note—In the last report there was one error. "Bjarne Larson's standing was not (7, 0, 5), but (7, 3, 0).

The Wastebasket

"Do you find that brand of cigarettes makes you cough?" asked one young fellow of another in the post office lobby yesterday. "I am not sure," was the reply, "I am only on my first carload."

Heard at the poker party: "It's a good thing our wives don't know where we were last night." "It is at that! where were we?" "I don't know."

"What we want is a night watchman" said an employer at Wainwright to an applicant, "a watchman that watches, somebody who can sleep with one eye open and both ears, and who is not afraid to tackle anything." "Well," said the applicant, "I'll have to send my wife around to fill that bill."

"How is your wife getting along with her plan for reducing by eating only a vegetable diet?" asked a local citizen of another at the poker party. "Well, she was all right until I took her to a show and she saw elephants in the movie picture eating grass," he replied.

A local girl happened to find a love letter last week that her father had written to her mother when they were courting. She read it over to her mother, substituting her own name and that of her best fellow, pretending he had written such a letter to her. Her mother raved with anger and stamped her feet with disgust, and forbade her daughter to have anything to do with a man who would write such sickening nonsense. Then she gave the letter to her mother to read and suddenly the house became so quiet that you could hear the wood tick.

A woman and her young son got on the C.P.R. train at Edmonton the other day, and when the conductor took up the tickets he noticed that the woman had no ticket for the boy. He mentally debated the question of the boy's age and passed on. On taking up the tickets after leaving Camrose he again sized up the boy and said: "Madame, you will have to pay fare for your son; he appears to be old enough," and was met with the reply: "He wasn't when we left Edmonton."

THIEVES LOOT POST OFFICE AT JARROW

Jarrow, Dec. 10th.—Forcing an entrance into the post office here during the storm of Monday night, robbers got away with loot totalling \$400 in cash, a check-up by Postmaster P. R. Ramsey showed.

All tracks had been wiped out by wind and snow when the robbery was discovered the next morning and no trace has been found of the thugs so far. An alarm was sent to the A. P. P. detachment at Viking and investigations are now under way by the police.

Considerable excitement reigns in the town as a result of the crime, this being the first time an occurrence of this sort has been reported here. Some of the money taken was the property of the United Grain Growers, while the balance was government and personal money.

NOTICE

Dr. Coursier, Dentist, of Wainwright and Irma, will close down his Irma office for the winter months.

CRESCENT HILL CHRISTMAS CONCERT, DEC. 23rd

The Crescent Hill Christmas Concert will be held on Monday, December 23rd, 1929, at eight o'clock.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Parties hunting on or damaging fences on the following lands will be prosecuted. All of Section 8; S.E. and N.W. of Section 9; West half of Section 16; N.E. and S.E. of Section 20, all in Township 45, Range 9, West of 4th.—J. B. and Joe Gulbran, Irma, 10-15p.

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NOTICE

TO HUNTERS & TRAPPERS. Parties destroying fences or trapping on the following lands will be prosecuted. Section 6-46-9-w4th, also S.E. 30-44-9-w4th; W. Half 20-44-9-w4th; N.E. 20-44-9-w4th; W. Half 21-44-9-w4th.—Jas. A. Bell, Owner. 4-8p

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THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

The joy of Christmas is in the air, It's all about us everywhere. May it, we pray, descend on you And then remain the whole year through.

One of the Nicest Assortments of really reasonable Gift Merchandise is to be seen at McFarland's store.

No Picture Show this week.

Will Retain Beef Grades On Trial For One Year, To Be Tested Out Every Month

At a meeting of the beef grading committee, held in Ottawa, it was decided that the grades already decided upon should remain on trial for a year, so that they might be tested out every month before any revision of them be considered.

It was decided after very lengthy discussion, that packers be urged to grade and brand all beef falling within the specifications of the two grades, "choice" and "good" and that every effort be made to accomplish this object, in order that both production and consumption might be stimulated by the display of large quantities of graded and branded beef in retail shops. There was a full attendance and R. S. Hamar, permanent chairman, presided.

After discussing various methods by which production and consumption could be stimulated, it was decided to ask the federal government to appoint a man to devote his whole time to further the interest of beef grading and to work up a policy for promoting the consumption of graded and branded beef, by co-operating with various bodies. These would include provincial departments of agriculture, beef grading supervisors, chain stores and railway executives.

It was deemed highly necessary to obtain the interest and co-operation of housewives and various forms of publicity were discussed. It was decided to ask the provincial department of agriculture to organize committees of producers and consumers and other bodies interested in the promotion of a beef grading program in their respective provinces. This would create a chain of workers across Canada, active and interested in the common work and ready to co-operate with the special prompt on man when appointed. No definite scheme of publicity has been approved.

The decisions and conclusions reached followed a check up on how many cities were handling, graded beef in greater or less quantities.

A motion of warm appreciation of the work of Ross and McKenzie in organizing the "Red Label Beef Breeders' and Feeders' Association" in Southern Alberta was passed.

Hon. J. D. McCreagh visited the meeting and was asked to speak on the work of the Canadian Beef Producers' Association.

Mr. McGregor said they had not gone very far and now there was a report that the livestock pools were undertaking similar work to that which they had planned, namely, the raising of a sum of money to advertise the beef industry. He felt there was not room for two organizations doing the same work, but he was perfectly willing to co-operate where co-operation was possible.

Those present were: W. H. McIntyre, representing the Western Stock Growers' Association; Ed. Evans, Moose Jaw, representing the Saskatchewan Stock Growers; R. A. Wright, Drinkwater, Sask., representing the Western Canada Livestock Union; Walter Scott, of Ontario, representing the Eastern Canada Livestock Union; J. H. Evans, representing the four provincial departments of agriculture of the West; Robert Wade, representing the Eastern departments of agriculture; S. E. Todd, of Toronto, and F. M. Baker, Winnipeg, representing the Packers' Council; J. C. Donaldson, Winnipeg, and Messrs. Cahill, Thompson and McPherson, the inspect on supervisors. Several representatives of the retail trade were also present as guests.

Nothing Left To Say

Mother—What did your father say when he saw his broken pipe?
Innocent—Shall I leave out the swear words, mother?
Mother—certainly, my dear.
Innocent—Then I don't think he said anything.

Holland has almost as many miles of canals as of railroads or roads.



"There is nothing wrong with the baby, except that it is teething."
"John, send for the dentist."
Fliegende Blätter, Munich.

W. N. U. 1815

Canada's Railway Engines

Total Of 5,670 Used In Freight and Passenger Service

The 246,000 of Canada's railway cars of all sorts would not be of very much use unless there was some motive power to haul them. This brings the great puffing and powerful modern locomotives, pride of the engineers and firemen, into the story.

The Canadian railways own a total of 5,670 engines. Of these locomotives 1,488 are employed in the passenger service, 3,384 in freight haulage, 756 in switching. (Forty-two engines are run by electric power.)

For some reason that is not quite clear the number of locomotives has been steadily decreasing since 1922. In that year there were 5,955 locomotives in use.

Perhaps the explanation is found in the fact that the number of freight cars has decreased by about 8,000 since 1922. As the capacity of the smaller number of cars now and in 1922, is within a few thousand tons of each other, it means that the cars are fewer in number, but of greater capacity, and therefore requiring fewer engines to haul them.

The 5,670 locomotives in use in 1927 consumed in the year 9,840,075 tons of fuel, at a total cost of \$46,586,340, or \$4.73 per ton. Coal costs the railways less now than in 1922. Then the cost per ton was \$6.40.

The freight trains burned 5,352,474 tons and the passenger trains 2,162,120 tons. It may surprise readers to know that the 756 switching engines used pro-rata far more coal than the 1,488 passenger engines—almost half as much again.

Sheep Sale At Brandon

One Of Greatest Ever Held In Western Canada

The recent annual auction sale of rams, ewes and lambs held at Brandon is described by sheep breeders as one of the greatest ever held in Western Canada, with prices at an excellent level. One of the most prominent of sheep men in Canada, George Gordon, of Oxbow, credited the recent importation of 10,000 sheep into Manitoba by the Manitoba Livestock Credit Company with having created a demand and a market that will rank Brandon with the best in Canada. Large buyers at the sale were the Hudson's Bay Company, the T. Eaton Co., Harris Abattoirs and the Swift Canadian Co.

Ship Western Horses To New Brunswick

Animals Sent To Try Out Market For Certain Types

In order to try out the market for certain types of horses in New Brunswick, a shipment of 15 animals was recently consigned from Moose Jaw to the Maritime Province by the Saskatchewan Livestock Pool and the Department of Agriculture. Under the arrangements entered into between the Livestock Pool and the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Pool assembles the shipments and the two Governments assist in promoting the sale of the horses. Larger shipments are to be made in the near future.

Quantity and Value

When Any Article Becomes Plentiful Price Will Drop

When emeralds were first discovered in America, a Spaniard carried one to a lapidary in Italy, and asked him what it was worth; he was told a hundred escudos. He produced a second, which was larger; and that was valued at three hundred. Overjoyed at this, he took the lapidary to his lodging and showed him a chest full; but the Italian, seeing so many, damped his joy by saying, "Ah, senor! so many!—these are worth one escudo."

Rye Will Kill Thistles

It is said that rye will kill now thistles as well as the Canada thistle. It is advised to work up the patch in August, harrow down and sow to fall rye so as to get a good root before freeze-up. It is claimed that the next year there will be no thistles, no matter how thick they were when the rye was sown.

New and modern hotels are to be constructed at Damascus, Tripoli, Aleppo and Beirut, Syria.

Official rat-catchers in the city of London destroy more than 24,725 rats every year.

Advertising and Selling

Much To Be Learned By Canada and Britain

As for the Canadian consumer, he buys few British products because he never hears about them. He reads ten advertisements of other products to one British advertisement in Canada. The result is that he buys the goods he reads about. British goods are as a rule of high quality, but in the face of stiff competition and more enterprising selling methods, they will not sell themselves. It might be said with considerable point that both Canada and Britain can take a lesson from the United States in the business of advertising and selling. Regina Leader.

Payments For Beets

Growers In Alberta Receive Return For Year's Crop

Five hundred and fifty beet growers of Southern Alberta have received \$255,000 as a first payment for the year's crop. A second payment was made December 3. In addition to these direct returns from the beet industry there are live stock feeding activities that will bring further dividends. Thousands of cattle and sheep will be on feed this winter with rations made up largely of pulp and molasses from the sugar factory and off-grade grain and hay.

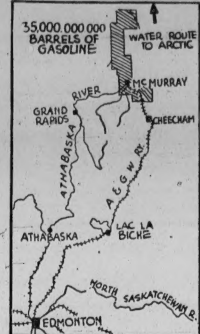
Factory Production In Manitoba

The Industrial Development Board's estimate of production in Manitoba's factories for 1928, \$159,000,000, is far exceeded by the advance figure of \$165,000,000 for the ten months of the current year.

Winnipeg Gypsum Plant

Greater Winnipeg is shortly to have another plant for gypsum products—Western Gypsum Products Limited.

TREASURE HOUSE IN NORTH

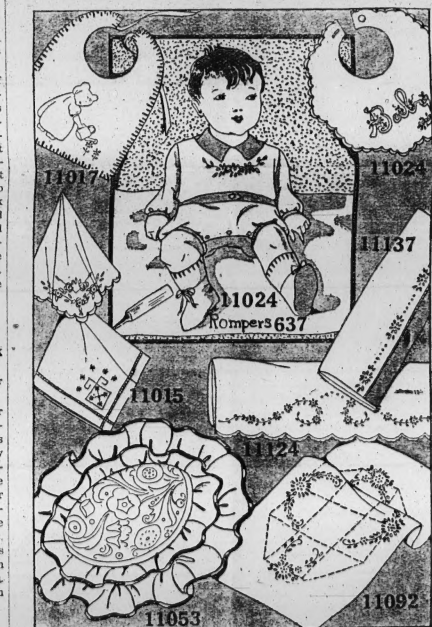


This map shows the location of the world's largest bituminous sand deposits, found along the Athabasca and its tributaries, about 300 miles north of Edmonton, Alta. In a paper delivered somewhat over a year ago, before the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Gustav Eloff and Jacques C. Morrell estimated the deposits contained over 100,000,000 barrels of bitumen and could produce more than 35,000,000 barrels of gasoline, or enough to supply the present world demand for over a hundred years.

No News Value

A certain Missouri editor refuses to publish obituary notices of people who, while living, failed to subscribe to his newspaper, and gives this pointed reason: "People who do not take the home town paper are dead anyway, and their passing away has no news value."

FASHION



LOVELY CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT WILL BRING HEARTY WELCOME

11017—A cute embroidery design of Mary Quill Contrary that will make a suitable Christmas gift for the kiddie nursery and wearing apparel. Pattern consists of various sized motifs (blue).

637—Cunning rompers having drop seat will make a practical gift for the little boy of 6 months, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. The front is one piece. Belt is attached to lower back section and closes in front. The 4-year size requires 2½ yards of 40-inch material with ¾ yard of 32-inch contrasting.

11024—A dainty floral design that can be used on rompers, blouses, booties, carriage-wear, etc. It will make a splendid gift that will be truly appreciated. It is lovely worked out in lazy-daisy stitch. Pattern includes 25 designs in various sizes and motifs (blue).

11137—An attractive border design that will make a lovely Christmas gift worked out on both towels, curtains, scarves, table-covers and pillow cases. It may be carried out in white or any color (blue).

11015—Every woman loves to have pretty handkerchiefs, especially when they are so easily made. It can also be used as borders for collars, cuffs, and lingerie, and will make an acceptable Christmas gift. Twenty-eight motifs, one handkerchief with scalloped border, one with lines for draw-work, and 50 inches each of three borders of scallops, one of cross-stitch, and one of darning-stitch (blue).

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Chamber of Commerce Committee Recommends Establishment of Airports Across the Dominion

Utilizing Farm Waste

Ultimate Market For All Farm Products Being Made Possible

By Chemists
Such marked advances in the utilization of farm wastes have been made during the last few years, according to Dr. Henry G. Knight, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, United States Department of Agriculture, that "we have hopes we will be able to obtain satisfactory markets for all the products of the farm rather than for the half or third now considered marketable material. The hope lies in more intensive research."

"For every pound of grain harvested and sold from one to three pounds of residue in the form of straw and stalks are left upon the farm to be disposed of in the best manner possible. For every pound of seed cotton sent to the gin from one to two pounds of cotton stalks are left in the field," he says.

Illustrating the increasing uses chemists are finding for the by-products of our staple crops, Dr. Knight cites the fact that fermentation industries now produce from corn alone, products which are annually valued at \$118,000,000, besides the corn starch, glucose, corn oil, and stock feed which add other millions to that figure. Even straw may now be converted into human food by a process used in Switzerland and Germany to convert wood waste into stock feed.

Among definite results secured from the application of chemistry to agriculture, Dr. Knight mentions the transformation of California fruit culls which, with the help of chemists from the Department of Agriculture, were changed from an expensive waste to a highly profitable by-product of the citrus industry. Cottonseed, formerly wasted and thrown into the streams, he says, is now the basis for cottonseed cake, cottonseed meal, or a total of thirty products the price for which is reflected in a higher value for the farmers' cotton. Sugar-cane bagasse, which until a few years ago was burned under the boilers of the sugar mills, is now made into insulating material for refrigerator and other uses by the building trade.

Active research looking to utilization of such by-products of the farm as cornstarch, straw, peanut hulls, lignin, and surplus sweet potatoes is now carried on by the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, which Doctor Knight directs.

Honey Must Be Carefully Stored

If Kept Under Favorable Conditions Will Not Spoil

Much honey is wasted yearly by lack of proper precautions in caring for it after it is harvested, with the result that it soon ferments and spoils. Unripe honey quickly ferments and spoils, after it is extracted. Honey that is fully ripened, when extracted, will spoil if stored in unfavorable conditions. All honey contains the necessary elements for fermentation and, therefore, if kept in conditions favorable for the growth of the ferments, spoilage quickly occurs. The honey should be extracted, strained and canned as soon as possible after it is removed from the bees, and then stored in a cool, dry place.

The Highway Crossing

Bridges Over Streams But No Protection At Railways

Every time a highway crosses a little stream there is a bridge. Nothing at all unusual about that, of course. It is necessary to have some way to get over in safety.

Every time a highway crosses a railway track there is nothing at all to make for a safe crossing, and there is something unusual about that.

If there is need for a safe crossing over a bit of a creek—and there is—then there is more need for safe crossing over a railway track.

Waited Sixty-Five Years

Sixty-five years ago Jacob Schwartz bid Freda Schmidt good-bye and sailed for America to make his fortune, promising Freda that when he did so he'd come back for her. Schwartz, now 92, recently called his old sweetheart to prepare for the wedding and sailed for Germany. She had waited for him.

Armed with spikes which contain a deadly poison a fish found in the Great Barrier Reef of Australia has the power of killing human beings. It is known as the stone fish, and is repulsive in appearance.

Airports should be established

across the Dominion from coast to coast, providing for an air transportation artery, according to the aviation committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, which goes on to report the opinion of the committee that air transportation should be developed in co-operation with railways and steamship lines rather than in competition with these present methods of transportation. Carelessness and stunt flying should be discouraged in civil aviation according to the opinion expressed.

The following points are stressed by the committee:

That the establishment should be effected of a main chain of airports across Canada from coast to coast. That certain of these should be provided by the Dominion Government for its requirements and the others partly by municipalities and partly by private enterprise as may be found locally desirable. This chain would thus provide for the necessary main artery of air transportation across Canada for all forms of commercial aviation.

That the main airports be under the control of governments or municipal agencies, and that airports of all kinds be under the strict supervision of Government regulations with standard equipment to secure uniformity, convenience and safety.

That at certain points encouragement and assistance should be given for establishing branch routes both north and south and for air route networks, to bring into connection the various regions which can economically be served by air.

That air transportation should be developed and operated as an adjunct to our existing rail and water transportation systems and in co-operation with them as far as possible, rather than in competition.

That every encouragement should be given to Canadian enterprise to establish and operate our commercial aviation systems, controlled by Canadians and manned by Canadian personnel, in the same manner as our other Canadian transportation systems.

That municipalities should, in as far as possible, provide their own airports and landing-fields, adequately equipped at their own expense, in order to concentrate air transportation at one place for the convenience of the public and so as to maintain it under a single local authority.

That as commercial aviation develops, government agencies should refrain from encroaching on the legitimate field of the private commercial agencies developing and conducting air transportation and in this way stimulate rather than curtail enterprise in this new field.

That the Government be assisted in every way to enforce supervision and regulations looking toward convenience and safety of air travel and that all forms of risk taking, of carelessness and "stunt flying" be discouraged, in civil aviation.

That the industries connected with the business of aviation both in apparatus and operation, be in every way encouraged as Canadian enterprises, looking forward to the time when our aviation requirements will be manufactured in our own country.

That encouragement should also be given by the business men and the people of the country generally to the formation of flying clubs and to the practice of aviation (through the Aviation League and other means), so that as a country, we will acquire air dexterity and gain an advantageous position in this form of transportation.

Others Had Refused

The editor handed the manuscript back after hastily scrutinizing the sheets, and said in a lofty manner: "We don't print any such stuff as that."

"Well you needn't be so haughty about it," reported the spasmodical contributor. "You're not the only one who won't print it."

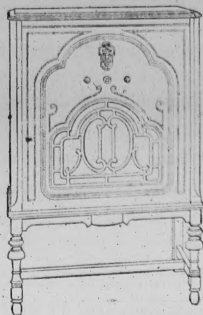
Next to agriculture, fisheries are the most important sources of food.



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VIKING

A "lutefisk" dinner and dance was put on by the Sons of Norway lodge in the Elks hall last Wednesday evening. Those who availed themselves of the opportunity of enjoying the "lutefisk dinner were high in their praises of this delectable dish, with all the trimmings. "Lutefisk" is one of the national fish foods of Norway especially at the holiday season, and is relished by all Scandinavians. A dance followed the dinner which was largely attended and enjoyed.

Helge Anderson and his Edmonton trio did not arrive to play for the dance in the Elks hall last Thursday evening.

An ice carnival will be held at the Moorsville skating rink early in the new year. The world and its wife accordingly invited. Full particulars in our next issue.

R. A. Zerber, watchmaker will not be in Viking until January 6 and 7th of the New Year. Please come early to enable me to finish your work by Tuesday evening of each week.

J. W. Wyatt, formerly of Jariow and Irma, but now located in Edmonton with an investment firm, was a caller in town on Tuesday.

Back from the woods and muskies near Chisholm with nine moose, six deer, one caribou and a bear to their credit, the big game hunting party consisting of Messrs. Dr. Little, Percy Finch, H. E. Gares, A. W. Neefe, Dick Gares, G. W. Green, B. C. Gilpin, Carl Finch, of Irma and A. Finch of Wetaskiwin, returned on Sunday, looking fit and happy from a sojourn of over two weeks. The story of how Carl Finch shot the bear and went down into its hole after it and dragged it out all alone, nine miles from camp, is an epic of the north woods. They established a camp in the midst of some tall pines on which they strung their radio aerial and each day got the news of the world. No accidents nor sickness marred their stay, and from a hunter's point of view, it was a real outing.

Saturday, December 21st, will be a red letter day in the history of this community and in the lives of all the children and kiddies in the district. On this day the local Elks will play the part of the big brother and Santa Claus to all the children of the neighborhood.

At three o'clock in the afternoon they will be treated to a free picture show at the New Elks Community Hall. The program will consist of a Charlie Chaplin comedy, "Our Gang" Cartoon, and Pathe Review.

After the picture show they will gather round a Christmas tree erected on the Main Square and meet Santa Claus, who will hand out treats to all the kiddies. If the weather is considered too cold, the Christmas tree will be held in the hall after the show.

A wireless message was received at this office today from Santa Claus that he was sure going to be here. Come to Viking and make whoopee with the jolly old fellow.

The Viking co-operative creamery association is issuing bonus cheques to the amount of over \$8,000.00 to patrons this week. The individual cheques range from a few cents to over two hundred dollars. During the past season they have paid the highest market price, and this bonus coming at this time of the year, will gladden the hearts of those who have stayed with the dairy cows through thick and thin, through lean years and those not so lean. This year, especially, will the extra amount be fairly welcome, and assist in making the Christmas season merrier and happier in many homes.

The bonus represents a payment of slightly over three cents per pound of butterfat delivered by patrons during the year.

During the past ten years, the creamery association has paid out over \$100,000.00 in bonuses to patrons, which in itself is a record which we believe no other creamery, co-operative or otherwise, can boast of. As long as the creamery receives the support of the dairymen of this and surrounding districts, it can be depended upon to make even a better showing in years to come, and remain as it ever has been, the leading institution of its kind not only in this community, but in the province.

The splendid showing no doubt is the result of the efficient management that the creamery has had during these years.

The Viking Elks lodge are holding a grand New Year's Eve ball in their splendid new hall, on Tuesday evening, December 31st, to which the public, far and near, is given a special invitation to attend.

Some novelty features will be introduced, and at twelve o'clock the old year will be given a send-off, and the new year a right royal merry welcome.

The Viking Serenaders, who furnished such splendid music for a dance a couple of weeks ago, have been engaged to furnish the tinkling tunes, and play the latest hits for the occasion.

OUR GREETING AND WISH

As the three wise men rode on that first Christmas to find the manger-crudled Babe of Bethlehem, they bore gifts on their saddle bows; gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And so the spirit of Christmas giving crept in the world's heart.

The injunction was to go into the highways and by-ways and seek out the poor and distressed, the humble and afflicted, the ragged children and the outcasts and the aged, and in the name of Him who was born on Christmas day, carry some sunshine into their lives. Give unto the poor and afflicted and your hearts shall glow with that peace which passeth understanding.

The two dominant characteristics of the Christmas season are kindness, expressed by goodwill toward men, and the inward joy wrought by kind acts, and suggested by peace on earth.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young, and with each recurring Yuletide we like to think of the spiritual blessings brought to the children of men on that first Christmas.

Our greeting to you is one of kindness in return for the good will you have displayed with the fresh, clean joys of the season and receive a liberal endowment of that spirit which at this time rises like a mighty flood over the world.

BUTTERSCOTCH COOKIES—Half cup butter, 1 cup brown sugar, cream together. Add 1 well beaten egg, 1 cup chopped walnuts, half tsp vanilla, 1-1/2 cups flour. Make into a roll about two inches thick, adding a little more flour, if necessary. Set in a cold place until firm. Slice in thin slices and bake.

CORNFLEAK COOKIES—Two eggs, 1 cup white sugar, 2 tbs. melted butter, 2-1/2 tsp. baking powder, 1-2 cup coconut, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp. vanilla, 3-1/2 cups cornflakes, 1/2 cup butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat. Add coconut, vanilla and cornflakes, and lastly, flour mixed with baking powder.

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HUNTERS RETURN

Monday, Mr. Carl Finch returned after a very enjoyable hunting trip when he and eight Viking and Westaskwin sports left nearly three weeks ago to hunt big game around Chisholm 110 miles north of Edmonton. Camp was established seven miles from Chisholm along the Athabasca river. The first day after their arrival one of the hunters got a nice moose about two hundred yards from the camp but most of the rest of the game was secured at a greater distance extending to eight miles away. Nearly every day some of the men secured something in the line of game which kept them busy making roads and bringing the game to camp. The party secured nine moose, six deer, one caribou and one bear. Carl shot one moose, one deer and the bear and tracked six caribou several miles through the bush but never got a chance to shoot at them. Since his return home he has been busy handing out samples of moose meat to his many friends. The bear which was shot by Carl, was a big brown fellow and looks as if he might have been the grandfather of all the brown bears in that district. Carl who was not expecting to see a bear at this time of the year had quite an experience before he got him skinned. He was going through the woods when he saw something move but could not tell what it was till he got within about a 100 yards from it, just then the bear which evidently had come out to get some sun and have a stretch, decided it was time to go back for his winter slumber. Just then Carl took a shot at him and put a bullet through the bear's heart. The bear fell back in his hole and as Carl was not sure how accurate his shot had been it was some time before he could muster up courage enough to enter the hole after him. After poking his rifle in ahead of him he managed to crawl in about six feet when he was able to fasten the strap off his rifle around the bear's jaw, then by tying his belt to the strap he had a good hold of his game. Everything went well until the bear's head started to come out of the hole when the strap slipped off the jaw and Carl landed on his back just about ten feet from the hole. Not knowing that the strap had slipped Carl is supposed to have made for a tall tree when he discovered that he was still holding the strap in his hand and the bear was still in the hole. Carl has the horns from his moose and deer and skin and head of the bear, which makes a nice set of souvenirs of his trip.

VIKING

Roaring with a huge gas flow estimated at close to 40,000,000 cubic feet, the Duluth Syndicate well No. 1, fourteen miles east of town, was brought in last Friday noon. The drillers had slight warning of the impending event when all of a sudden when they were near the 2020 foot level, they heard a rumbling and ran for their lives. The air was soon filled with dust, rocks, pieces of wood and the deafening roar of the escaping gas. The derrick suffered from the avalanche of debris that was hurled hundreds of feet in the air. The drilling tools shot up out of the hole and damaged some of the machinery as it fell with a thud in and around the drill house.

The flow of gas is the heaviest struck in this field. Officials regard the strike as a most important one, and intend shutting off the gas and drill deeper to where they believe the oil producing sands are. Who knows but what the world's best gusher is waiting to be tapped right in our own district.

A special meeting of the Trustees of Viking School District No. 1903 was held on Tuesday afternoon, December 17th, 1929 at 4 p.m. Those present were C. G. Purvis, Chairman; Mrs. Collier and L. O. Wollen, Trustees; and W. McAthey, Sec'y-Treas.

The minutes of last meeting held November 5th, 1929 were read and approved on motion of L. O. Wollen. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Collier and L. O. Wollen, that School close for Christmas holidays on December 20th, 1929 and re-open again on Friday, January 3rd, Cd.

Moved by Mrs. Collier that \$286.94 shown as arrears of School Taxes owing by Margaret Sullivan on Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20, Block 18, Viking, be charged as arrears against Lots 17, 18, Block 18, Viking, leaving no taxes unpaid to the end of 1928 on Lots 19 & 20, Block 18, Viking. Cd.

Moved by L. O. Wollen that Mrs. Gillespie be given the use of Mrs. Clark's room for painting lessons on Saturday afternoons. Cd.

Moved by Mrs. Collier that the Annual Meeting of the School District be held at the School House on Saturday, January 11th, 1930, at 2 p.m. Carried.

Moved by L. O. Wollen that Inspector's Report on Mr. Hick's and Mr. Rogers be received and placed on file. Cd.

SWINE CLUB CHAMPIONS OF CANADA

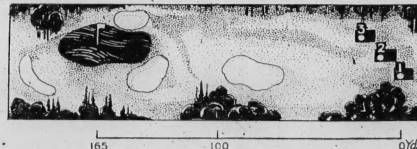


Two brothers, Lindsay and Gordon Weir, of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, who won the Dominion Championship, in swine club work at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, recently. The two boys are shown with W. D. Robb, Vice-President of the Canadian National Railways, who donated for annual competition the Robb Trophy, which carries with it the Dominion Championship. For the second year this trophy goes to Prince Albert; last year two girls from this district received the honor.

IT'S FULL OF MENACE



No. 12, Tete Jaune—165 yards, Par 3.



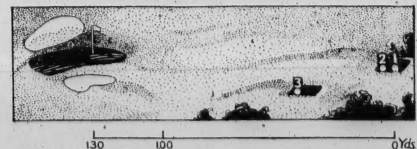
Many an otherwise fine score has been wrecked by this hole on the Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course, Jasper National Park, Alberta, over which the Canadian and Western Canada Amateur Championships will be played, Aug. 19-24, this summer. The reason is obvious by a study of the green in the upper photo and of the lay-out as shown in detail by the lower panel.

Fine fields of golfers are assured for the two big events over this fine course this summer and the dove-tailing of the Western Canada Championship with the Dominion title event, insures plenty of competitive golf for experts and dubs alike.

THE CELEBRATED BAD BABY



No. 15, The Bad Baby—130 yards, Par 3.



There is no place to go here except the green. Everywhere else spells trouble with a capital "T." While it is the shortest hole on the Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course, it is one of the hardest and many a hope for high honors is sure to be broken here during the Canadian Amateur and Western Canada Amateur Championships, which will be played August 19-24, and the Silver Totem Pole Tournament, September 7-14. The tee, fairway and green are all shown in the upper photograph and below is a sketch to scale, showing the hole in detail.

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Mrs. Edward Ellice, sister of Viscount Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, died in London, December 3rd.

The Orient Express, Europe's crack train between Constantinople and Paris, was recently held up near Caribou, Bulgaria, by brigands, who killed two passengers and wounded several others.

The Japanese Government has declined to give its sanction to the United States Government's note to Russia or China regarding violation of the Briand-Kellogg anti-war pact in Manchuria.

It is rumored that the Labor Government intends to create more Labor peers, probably in the new year's honours list. There are now only 12 Labor peers and lords not all of whom are available for normal work in the upper chamber.

The French mint has been commissioned to strike a medal bearing the likeness of the late Georges Clemenceau. It was announced that Rodin's bust of the wartime leader will be placed in the Arc de Triomphe Museum.

An air mail service whereby a letter could be posted in Montreal one night and delivered in Winnipeg the next morning will be inaugurated some time next year, it has been announced by Hon. Peter Veniot, postmaster-general of Canada.

The London Daily Mail says that the accuracy of the report of Commander Richard Byrd, of his South Polar flight, has been challenged by Major Trygve Gran, Norwegian airman and explorer, who was a member of the Scott Antarctic expedition.

Announcement was made by Hiram Walker, Gooderham, Worts Co., that a \$300,000 carbonic acid gas plant is to be installed in the plant at Toronto and that such units will later be installed at Montreal and other points. It is planned to manufacture what is known as "dry ice."

Canada's Accredited Herds

Over Four Thousand Given Clean Bill Of Health

Upward of four thousand herds of cattle in Canada have been given full accreditation by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, according to the report of the Veterinary Director-General for the past fiscal year, published by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa. That is to say, this number of herds have been dealt with by tests and retests and restricted measures which have given them a clean bill of health with respect to the disease of tuberculosis.

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Salemen (showing customer some sports stockings): "Just the thing for you. Worth double the money. Latest pattern, fast colors, holeproof, won't shrink, and it's a good yarn."

Customer (politely): "Very well, too, too."

More Using Electricity

Electric energy consumed during the first nine months of the year by users of the City Hydro in Winnipeg, amounted to 282,000,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of 15 per cent. over the same period of last year.

The planet Venus moves around the sun at an average speed of 23 miles an hour.

Russian peasants often sleep with their cattle.



Apprentice (following master's instructions): "Haircut or shave, sir?"
—Hamburger Illustrierte Zeitung, Hamburg.

W. N. U. 1818

Exceeds Human Skill

Robot Reduces Risks Of Flying and Air Force Interested In Device

An infallible robot airman, capable of controlling airplanes of all sizes in all kinds of weather with more dependability than the human pilot, has been produced by the scientists of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, the air correspondent of the London Daily News says.

The robot pilot consists of a compressed air-driven gyroscope which controls a piston, rudder and elevator of any type of machine from the smallest single-seater to the large twin-engine bombers and flying boats. The gyroscope weighs 100 pounds and has been demonstrated successfully over distances of 400 miles, having to the human pilot when "planes must ascend or descend."

The robot is claimed to be infallible and to minimize greatly the risks of flying. The Daily News correspondent said it was understood the Royal Air Force was contemplating adopting the device for use in future long distance flights and that commercial airlines were negotiating for the device for the purpose of installing it in passenger and mail planes.

Air Mail Across Canada

Started That Service Will Be Inaugurated Some Time Next Year

An air mail service whereby a letter could be posted in Montreal one night and delivered in Winnipeg the next morning will be inaugurated some time next year, it was announced by Hon. Peter Veniot, postmaster-general of Canada.

Mr. Veniot pointed out that this route to Winnipeg, which would be via Toronto, was only a segment of the Montreal-Vancouver line, which he hoped would be established and would accomplish a saving of 40 hours over the fastest present delivery.

Authors Discover Canada

The Bramford Examiner finds that Canadian authors are more and more finding their characters in Canadian types and their scenes in Canada. All very good—for we are just a sliver of humanity living in about as nice a bit of terrain as any race can boast.

What will a woman who goes to the Senate be called—a Senator or a Senatrix?

Twelve Years Of
The Millennium

Condition Of People Of Russia After Twelve Years Of Bolshevist Rule

The Soviet government celebrated the twelfth anniversary of the Russian revolution on, according to Moscow despatches, by giving "bread and meat at cost price to every member of the population holding bread cards."

After twelve years of Bolshevism, the right to buy a square meal at cost price for one day only is the greatest boon the Soviet government can confer upon the workers whom it dominates.

Among great masses of the population, apparently, meat as a complement of their daily bread is a luxury to be enjoyed only at such times as annual national holidays, and then sparingly and on a card-regulated allotment basis.

What a commentary on the inefficiency of communism! The political system that was going to make men free has only made men hungry paupers, waiting in line with their bread cards for the doles of meat that mark such special occasions as the birthday of their pseudo-freedom.—Minneapolis Journal.

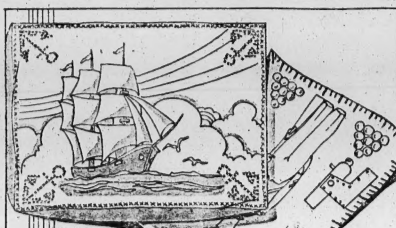
Vagaries Of Gulf Stream

Captains See Curious Things Along South Equatorial Current

A strange story of the south equatorial current was told recently when the White Star liner "Turipede" arrived at Southampton from Australia and the Cape. When the ship reached this current, which flows across the Atlantic from Africa, a long stretch of paled-up seaweed fringed its edge, looking exactly like a river bank. There was no sign of movement along this "bank," though the current was in motion. A Norwegian captain recently reported another curious occurrence in the Pacific, where he encountered "streets" of rusty-brown water between stretches of sea of the normal colour. Similar "streets" this time of a yellowish colour, have been seen between Hong-Kong and the Philippines during the last month or two.

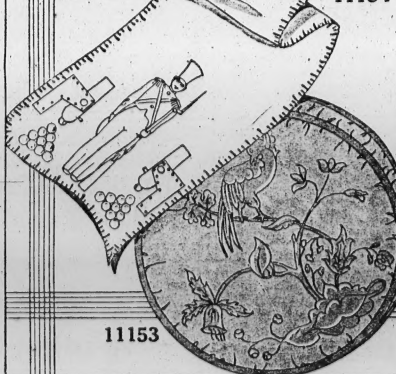
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Boys' and Girls' Swine Club Winners Banqueted By Canadian National Railways

Declaring that there was every reason to believe that they were being back with them the world's championship in cattle judging from Great Britain next year, Hon. Dr. Motherwell, Federal Minister of Agriculture, gave words of sound advice, encouragement and congratulations to the three young farm lads who are to represent Canada in the 1930 International Judging Contest, at a dinner given in their honor at the King Edward Hotel at Toronto.

The three boys, Cedrick Kirkpatrick, Gordon Campbell, and Clifford Burck, from the Fraser, Brudenell, Nova Scotia, and Ontario, respectively, were the central figures at the banquet given in honor of the Boys' and Girls' Live Stock Club contestants by W. D. Robb, Vice-President of the Canadian National Railways, under whose auspices the contestants were being sent to the contest. The joint auspices of Dr. Motherwell's Department and the Canadian National Railways that the three boys will have the trip to Britain for the world contest next summer.

Both Vice-President Robb and Dr. Motherwell took occasion to congratulate the three boys who are the first to win the honor for Canada. The theme of Dr. Motherwell's address to them was "Service to others" in their future lives. There was no question, he said, that these boys, as well as all the winners of the Boys' and Girls' Live Stock Club, would be leaders in their communities and there rested a great responsibility upon them in seeing that they carried on to others in coming years what had been handed down to them from the Federal, Provincial and Railway authorities. The Federal ministers said that this work was most valuable, and praised particularly what the Railway Company had been able to do for the young farmers.

Mr. Robb, in his annual address to the club members, said that the winners being honored represented nearly six thousand farm club members in Canada, and the movement was growing. It had been invaluable in raising the status of the Livestock Industry in the Dominion, and the Railway was only too glad to be of service in this regard. Dr. Black, Director of Colonization and Agriculture, for the Canadian National Railways, told of the policy of his department to co-operate with the Federal and Provincial authorities in all movements for the improvement of agriculture.

Nearly one hundred agricultural officials from all over the Dominion were present at the dinner to honor the young farmers who had won the championships.

Wheat In Farmers' Hands

A little over 50,000,000 bushels of wheat remains in farmers' hands in the west, according to the November report of E. A. Ursell, statistician to the Board of Grain Commissioners, dealing with the movement of Western Canadian grain during the past month.

France Growing Wheat

Italy and Germany Also Are Producing Large Amount Of Grain

An item of news which may surprise the Canadian and United States farmer, is that the wheat yield in France this year is about 320,000,000 bushels.

Few people on this side think of European nations as wheat producers, yet France and Italy are now enormous producers, and but for the chaotic condition of Russia, that country would continue to be one of the largest wheat countries in the world. From an exporting country, Russia has become an importing one. But there is no knowing how long that will last, in view of the new policy of farming which the Soviet is pressing forward.

France has been badly handicapped by the loss over one million men in the Great War, but the loss of manpower is being overcome by the importation of cheap continental labor, and by intensive methods of cultivation which would open the eyes of Canadian farmers could they see what is done. This year, France is self-supporting as to wheat, except for some special varieties which will have to be imported.

Mussolini has ordered the elimination of thousands of acres of grape vines and the substitution of wheat, so as to cut down imports to a minimum. Rightly, he claims that flour is more important than wine.

Germany has also to be reckoned with in the post-war production of wheat, and, altogether, it looks as if the world markets for wheat are to be restricted more and more in the future, so far as Canada and the United States are concerned.

This is another instance of the necessity of finding new markets for Canadian wheat.

Truck's Striding Force

An automobile or truck weighing only 3,000 pounds and going at a speed of forty miles an hour has a striking force of not less than 2,700 tons. This warning has been issued to automobile drivers by the Massachusetts Safety Council. "To state this point more accurately," the council continues, "such a car going forty miles an hour strikes with sufficient energy to toss a rock weighing one ton eighty feet high."

New Dish For Her

Now that the season has arrived for the consumption of Belgian rabbits distinguished as judged here, the story is related of the deaf old lady who was seated at dinner beside a polite gentleman who did his best to make conversation. "Are you fond of boiled hair?" he asked. "I can't say," she answered. "I never tasted it."

Visitor: Do you know who I am, my little man?

Willie: Certainly! Don't you know who you are?

When you see six women going into a barber shop together it means that one of them is going to get a haircut.



Illusion Destroying Facts

Despite Peace Talk, Nations Are Continuing To Maintain Armaments

Says the Manchester Guardian: Fifty-five per cent. of the British budget goes to pay for past wars, and 15 per cent. to prepare against future wars—that is to say, war costs us 14s. in the pound. In France the proportions are almost exactly the same. Our present real expenditure on armaments is just as high as the average during the years 1900-1914. The same is true of France. Italy spends considerably more than she did in those years. Russia has been augmenting her expenditure on armaments steadily during the last few years, and is in spite of her poverty and her reduced size, approaching the pre-war level. The United States beat all records—her expenditure on armaments has nearly doubled. Even Germany's performance is considerable—she is supposed to be "disarmed," and in spite of her poverty and her reduced size, she spent upon her colossal army and fleet before the war. The "economist" has done a public service in tabulating these illusion-destroying facts.

Nothing Would Be Left

If Every Person Was Convinced Bible Is Not Divine

A Church of England clergyman declares that the Bible is "not the word of God." Many people will agree with him, although not all will admit their agreement. But when it is said that the Bible is not divine, or that it is contradictory and inaccurate, what is the left? The Bible remains the fount of inspiration for the human race. It is a staff for the young and a crutch for the old. It comforts in adversity; it sobers in prosperity. It is eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. No man can fail to grow in spirit who reads it daily, or sets aside a portion of Sunday for its perusal. If civilization lacked the Bible we should be the less human. If another such book came to be written, should we not call it divine?

Really An "Air" Plane

A Russian aeronautical expert, Prof. Rindine, has a pet theory which claims that aeroplanes flying 30 or more miles high in the air need no fuel. He claims that an increased supply of hydrogen at that altitude could be exploded in a special engine and furnish power to propel the plane, thus running the plane on air.

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The Singing Fool

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SYNOPSIS

Al Stone, singing waiter at Blackie Joe's New York night club, is loved by Grace Farrell, the cigarette girl, but he doesn't love her. He marries Molly Winton, a blond singer, but after he wins fame as a composer of popular songs, Molly suddenly elopes with John Perry, Al's best friend. The couple take Al's two-year-old baby, Junior, and sail for France. Al, completely broken by his loss, disappears from Broadway and becomes a derelict. Months later he appears at Blackie Joe's club, where Grace Farrell tries to shame him into staging a comeback by telling him she will tell his boy later how he drifted downward. In a rage, Al threatens to kill her.

CHAPTER XXV.

Now Al was in front of Grace; his thin hands reached toward her throat, but she did not flinch or make a sound. She felt the lean fingers around her white throat, while the haunting, terrible eyes rove on a level with her own, then above her. The fingers tightened—he was pulling her closer to him. She half closed her eyes—well, if he wanted to kill her, let it come. She felt him still—she knew it at this fearful moment.

But as Al felt her graceful young body against his own the instinct of the killer subsided—She was young and beautiful, and suddenly the reason for her harsh attitude became apparent to even his dazed mind. She was doing it to help him. The tension in him snapped, his hands loosened about her throat, and his head was buried against her breast. As she felt him sagging Grace's arms went round him, holding him close. Her radiant face was lifted in a prayer of thanks.

She could only think of one thing, she loved him, she was going to pull him back to courage and life! Finally his head came up.

"I'll do my best, Grace! I'll make good—I'll show my kid his daddy isn't a flop!"

At that moment Blackie appeared at the door, took one look, and tipped away.

Al stared at Grace. "I can do it if you'll stand by," he suggested.

Grace nodded. "You can count on me Al," she whispered tenderly.

As Al spoke Grace realized the full significance that lay behind his words. He was saying that his comeback depended on her, but he was also suggesting something more—that he wanted her in his life. Did that mean that he loved her—at last?

Her lips trembled and she reached up to stroke his hair. His hair hadn't changed, at any rate. It was the same thick, lustrous black it had always been. She was confused and embarrassed, and she felt tears fill her eyes in spite of her efforts to fight them down. Then Al's face became misty before her.

"Everything will be all right, Al," she whispered. "You've got the stuff we both know that."

She was really talking to fight her way back to self-control. She realized now the fearful price she had paid in desperately striving to put Al

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out of her thoughts during these past three years. The effort had taken a terrific toll from her emotional nature; no wonder the knowledge that Al needed her and asked her to stay close to him produced a shattering reaction.

Some vague feeling of this reached the young song writer, but he couldn't see the cause. He saw Grace's beautiful eyes dimmed by tears, but for all he knew this display of intense emotion on her part might come from a merely maternal feeling or from the generous spirit that made Grace feel kindly toward almost everybody. He had never known that she loved him.

"Grace," he said, "I did write a song several months ago, but I thought it wasn't any good, so I put it away. But I know how it goes. Would you like to hear it?"

"Of course I would, Al," Grace answered quickly, glad of an escape from her own highly charged feelings. "Sit down at the piano—try it."

Al moved hesitatingly toward the piano. "I'm not sure I can even play it—my fingers are like bread sticks. But I'll try."

He pulled the stool up to the keyboard and ran up and down the scales in preparation. Already, it seemed to him, his fingers were more supple and stronger. But of course he now had a reason for playing.

"It's called 'Among My Souvenirs' and it starts like this:"

The song began, Al's voice matching the pathos of the words. Grace leaned against the piano, chin in hand, a rapt expression on her face. Now the mist of tears had passed. She was able to see Al clearly and she made no attempt to hide her joy in his presence.

His voice came waveringly at first, then stronger. Grace made a mental note; that golden voice that ran the emotional scale so easily from humor to tragic sentiment was just as flexible as ever. If anything, his emotional quality had been deepened by his tragic experiences.

Grace was thrilled, first by the song, then by the gaze of affection that Al fixed on her. The listless look had passed from his eyes, he had forgotten his stiff, rose fingers. He had lost himself in the song and in the vision of Grace before him, so that the change of his face made him a different man from the derelict who had staggered into Blackie's place an hour ago. In that flashing moment he almost became the old Al.

The last note of the song ended, and suddenly Al slumped down on the piano. "There, I know it's hard at first. But the song is beautiful. It will be a success—I know it! And it's only your start."

"Do you think so, Grace?" Al raised his head. "Do you really think so?"

"I'm sure of it!"

Then Grace turned. Blackie was in the doorway again.

"Did you hear it?" she whispered.

"Yep," Blackie nodded. "It's a wow. One of his best."

Blackie was fairly beaming. When Al wasn't looking, he beckoned to Grace to slip away for a moment. Then he went back to the main room and waited for her.

"I can see you've pulled him out of it," whispered Blackie, "but how on earth did you do it?"

Briefly Grace explained. Blackie patted her approvingly on the shoulder.

"You're a smart kid, Grace, and I hope Al appreciates you. You've made a good start, but you know it will be awfully easy for him to slip back again. Make him find himself a decent place to live and make him buy himself some decent clothes. That helps a lot."

"Sh-h!" Grace put her finger to her mouth, afraid Al would hear. "I won't let him slip back—you leave him to me."

Blackie chuckled as Grace hurried back into the room with Al; already she was assuming a possessive manner toward the man she loved. Well, thought Blackie, he couldn't be in better hands.

It was morning—again the customers had all left, the chairs were piled on the tables and the scrub women were busy cleaning up. Again the windows of the main room were thrown open, allowing the stale smoke from cigars and cigarettes to drift outside in silver spools.

"Al, you should be going home to get some sleep!" said Grace gently. "May I walk along with you?"

"Of course, Grace. Let's go."

As they started for the main room Grace glanced down the dressing room corridor. She recalled that morning more than three years ago when she had overheard Al and Molly planning marriage. Then she had run away to hide her tears. How similar this morning was, yet how different. Now she was walking home with Al,

and he had begged her to "stand by." Down the narrow stairs they went, but when they reached the street Al swayed for a moment. Grace took his arm.

(To Be Continued.)

Christmas in the Red Cross

Parcels Sent Out to Cheer the Needy At Yule-Tide Season

The kindly old Saint whose name is honored once a year, has a very special place in his heart of hearts for the society that remembers the little children of the settlers and the newcomers to Canada. In many a small log cabin in the northland, in many a small prairie shack there will come large and important looking parcels, bearing a well known seal, that of the Red Cross. The contents are especially selected with the thought of the family's needs, for often the newcomers have no idea of the severity of the Canadian winter and are unprepared with the warm and comfortable bedding which is of first importance. That is why there may appear in some of the parcels a bright red quilt made by the Red Cross sisters at the weekly program which the Society broadcasts from C.J.C.A. Edmonton. There will be scarves and mitts and socks and baby garments and of course toys to please the little ones. It is a busy time in the Alberta Headquarters as the month of December draws night, for many of these gifts of Christmas cheer have to travel into the far north where roads are frozen and mail is uncertain.

The Junior Red Cross members who number thirty thousand in Alberta take a special pride in their gifts to the children in their own two fine hospitals at Calgary and Edmonton, and each child who enters the home is remembered for December 25th. This generous act on the part of the Juniors is but one way in which they keep their pledge "to help those less fortunate than themselves."

Solved the Mystery

Demand For Lemons Traced To Needs Of New York University

A mysterious demand for lemons which exhausted the stocks in fruit markets and vegetable stores about Columbia University, New York, was explained with the discovery that more than 100 chemistry students had been instructed to bring ten lemons apiece to the laboratory for experiments. The run on lemons started innocently enough on a Friday. Six days after the beginning of the semester, the students began to perplex grocery dealers and annoy hundreds of housewives in the vicinity who could not procure lemons. Amsterdam Avenue for six blocks on both sides of Columbia could not produce a lemon. The lemons were used to get citric acid for chemical experiments.

A Necessary Luxury

There are now 200,000 telephones in Toronto. In 1879 the first phone was installed in the Queen's Hotel, and today in the Royal York, on the same site, there are 1,600 in use. Evidence of the increasing popularity—the increasing need—of the telephone is contained in the fact that forty-two years elapsed before the first 100,000 telephones were set up, while in the brief space of eight years the second hundred thousand have been placed in use.

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Calgary Solves Housing Problem.—Calgary's housing problem is gradually being solved. Since the first of the year no less than 576 houses valued at \$2,634,835 have either been built or are under construction. During the year 1928, 450 houses, valued at \$2,089,078, were built. The average cost of each home this year is \$4,750, compared with \$4,350 for 1928.

Ecuador is famous for its diamond mines.

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The inventor of the new system is Dr. James Robinson, formerly chief of wireless research of the British Royal Air Force. Robinson's device, known as the Stenode Radiostat System, it was claimed, will permit radio telephones to be received on a frequency band of 10 cycles or less compared to the present day practice which involves a frequency band of more than 9,000 cycles.

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Trying To Outdo Spider

Silk Manufacturer Rapidly Nearing Perfection In Fineness Of Weave

In the manufacture of artificial silk at least one manufacturer has gone far beyond the silkworm and is now rapidly nearing the spider, who, in terms of fineness of fiber, has far outdone the silkworm. Filaments of artificial silk but .0004 inch in diameter have been spun. The usual spider filament is .0023 inch in diameter. The new artificial silk that 4,227 miles of filament are required to make a filament pound.

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Byrd Making History

First Man To Fly Over North and South Poles

The New York Times, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and newspapers affiliated with them, in publishing reports from Commander Richard E. Byrd's expedition, announce that Commander Byrd had safely returned to his base, Little America, after a successful flight across the South Pole, in which he surveyed much adjacent territory.

Commander Byrd's flight across the South Pole has made him the first man in history to fly across both the earth's poles.

In May, 1926, in the tri-motored aeroplane, the "Josephine Ford," Commander Byrd flew from King's Bay, Spitzbergen, across the North Pole and returned.

That springtime flight required a total of 15 hours and 30 minutes and the round trip covered 1,600 miles. In addition to being the first to fly across the North Pole, Byrd was also the first man to fly over it in a heavier than air machine. On that historic flight, his pilot was Floyd Bennett, who died April 25, 1928, while attempting to rescue the crew of the trans-Atlantic plane "Bremen" on Gretna Island. Bennett was second in command of the Byrd Antarctic expedition and had intended to accompany the commander on the trip.

The flight across the South Pole, the first attempt he had made to fly to the pole, although previously he had used aeroplanes in flights from his base at Little America in laying sub-bases on the route to the pole and in exploration trips.

He was the third man to reach the South Pole. The first was Roald Amundsen, a Norwegian, who reached it December 14, 1911. A few days later he was followed by Captain Robert F. Scott, British explorer. Both of them used overland methods of travel.

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Rayon was a product little heard of ten years ago. Today this substitute for silk is manufactured in nearly every country on the globe. The largest rayon holding company in the world has just been incorporated in Maryland with a capital of \$60,000,000. It has interests in six countries. Last year the United States produced more than 107,000,000 pounds of rayon alone, or about twice as much as its nearest competitor, Italy.

Happy Without Millionaires

Prince Edward Island boasts no millionaires. Her frugal people have so far, as a rule, followed the golden mean and lived contentedly between the little and the great. And the small community under the smile of heaven is quite as happy as any other of like number in North America or elsewhere.

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Though one will be done. "Thy will be done." He hath not lost his day At set of sun.

—Christine G. Rossetti.

It is not always easy to discern the will of God; but if the fountain of our life is kept pure, the water of life must flow from it and our day's work contribute to the great stream of life that flows out from the city of God for the healing of the nations; and in this stream all our own little trials get turned into gold.—Harriet Monseil

The first balloon made its ascent in France in 1783—the year England recognized the independence of America.

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MIXED NUTS —

Brazils, Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts and Peanuts.

Christmas Special, Per lb 16c

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Good Christmas Mixed, Rock Candy, Ribbon Candy, and Sugar Creams.

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All the Best Grade, Brazils, Almonds, Filberts, and Manchu Walnuts, no Peanuts.

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Good quality Chocolates, assorted centres, with good French Creams.

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This celebrated table apples. Fancy Quality only.

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Christmas 1929

How seldom Christmas comes—only once a year: and how soon it is over—a day and a night. It is such a happy time that we would wish that it came oftener and lasted longer than it does. But surely this one day is not the whole of it, for if it is, then it is not any more durable than the little toys one may buy on the street corner of a large city. Christmas ought not to be a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year. If every gift is a token of personal thought, a friendly feeling, an unselfish interest in the joy of others, then the thought, the feeling, the interest may remain after the gift is made. That is surely worth while, for it means happy friendships and goodwill.

We should regard Christmas, not as a day or a season, but a condition of heart and mind. If we love our neighbor as ourselves; if in our riches we are poor in spirit and in our poverty we are rich in grace; if our charity vaunteth not itself, but suffereth long and is kind; if when our brother asks a loan we give ourselves instead; if each day dawns in opportunity and sets in achievement, however small; then every day is Christ's day and Christmas is always near. It is in this spirit that I wish to all true Christmas Joy and New Year Blessings.

— John R. Geeson.

Main Street

Irma Elevators will close Christmas Eve till January 2nd.

Mr. Markel is shipping two cars of horses to Montreal Friday.

Murray McKillop left for Michigan on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Miles have moved into Irma for the winter.

Mr. Phil Worth left Wednesday for a three months visit with relatives in Minnesota.

Mr. R. A. Larsen and Roy Ray left Monday with a truck to get a load of fish at Cold Lake.

Mr. L. Hager has moved a building in Irma in which his family will spend the winter so as to be handy for school.

Mr. Chas. Young, of Calgary is spending the holidays with his sister Mrs. McGregor.

Dr. Greenberg, Rev. Geeson, Mr. and Mrs. Yend and A. E. Peterson were in Hardisty Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jones expect to leave for a trip to California after Christmas which they expect to spend at Viking.

Miss B. Wilson, stenographer with the local branch of the Bank of Montreal intends leaving Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents at Edmonton.

Miss Grace Peterson was operated on for appendicitis at Hardisty hospital on Wednesday. She came through in fine shape. Her mother, Mrs. A. E. Peterson is with her for a few days.

During the past week the Irma district has been having very cold weather. The thermometer has been below zero practically all the time.

Miss Dorothy Burton, who has been confined in the Hardisty hospital, expects to come home as soon as the weather moderates.

The Calgary Power Co., have had a construction gang erecting Electric Light poles along Third Ave. West, to serve the new houses built this summer, with the electric light.

The boxing bout at Provost Monday night, between Curly Kid of Irma and Wahid, of Hay Lakes was decided in favor of Wahid by one point by the judges. We understand that the referee gave Curly eight of the ten rounds as he was the aggressor and had Wahid in bad several times, he taking the count of nine in the second round and otherwise battered up. Only a small crowd turned out to see the bout as the weather was very cold and roads were badly rutted. Several made the trip from Irma.

Mr. E. Sharkey received word the first of the week that his daughter Mrs. B. Kennedy and her husband had lost all of their furniture in the fire that destroyed the Namayo Block in Edmonton last week. Mrs. Kennedy fortunately was visiting relatives at Hardisty the night the fire happened thus saving part of her own clothing and their baby's. Most of the residents living in the block when it burned lost everything they had excepting their night clothing which they were wearing.

FIVE YEARS AGO

J. H. Elliott was elected President, O. Steffenson, 1st Vice President; and Mrs. G. A. Tripp 2nd Vice President of Irma Agricultural Society.

R. J. Tate, L. C. Hatch and G. A. Tripp were elected for Village Council.

Announcement of wedding of Miss Jean Blade and Earnest Rae.

Mrs. Guy Jackson and children left for Vancouver.

Mrs. Roy Whyte was in Edmonton. Emil Worth left to visit in Switzerland.

Pearl Smart left for Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riley left to visit in Kansas.

Over 90 cars of grain had been shipped to date.

BIGGEST GASSESS IN LOCAL FIELD

DULUTH SYNDICATE STRIKE BIG GAS FLOW NORTH-WEST OF IRMA

Flow Estimated At From Twenty to Thirty Million Cubic Feet per Day

After about three months drilling with standard tools in an entirely new district, situated on Section 29-48-10-W4th, about 18 miles northwest of Irma and 10 miles north and 3 east of Kinsella, the Duluth Syndicate were fortunate in striking one of the heaviest flows of gas that has been encountered in Central Alberta. The new strike was made when the drill was working at around 2030 feet when the sudden rush of gas forced the string of heavy tools out of the hole, followed by a column of heavy mud and slush that was forced far over the top of the derrick. Fortunately precautions had been taken for any such emergency and the casing that was set in the hole above the drilling had been securely cemented and prevented the ground from under the derrick being blown away.

The new well which is located between the Viking and Mainwright fields will no doubt attract more interest to this very promising area. On account of the recent very cold weather and bad conditions of the roads very few visitors have been able to see the new well since it came in on Thursday last week.

This syndicate, which holds some 20,000 acres of leases in this area had Dr. J. A. Allan, of the University of Alberta make a report on their holdings before they were taken up and we understand that the new well has logged very close to the forecast made by Dr. Allan, who predicted that oil production would be found below the gas horizon.

SILVER LANE NOTES

The Dance and Raffle in our school was a very successful affair over \$25. being raised for Christmas fun's. Well done teacher. The fancy Christmas Cake was won by Tommy Reber. This lucky youngster won the Radio set at the Elks Christmas tree done at Hardisty last year. It is better to be born lucky than rich, Tommy, you don't have to watch your steps so much.

Another Friday the 13th has come and gone and to some it was unlucky. Your correspondent went to hitch up his team and found a stray black cat after his pigeons. Now a cat has nine lives and my shotgun got five of them and my dog got the other four. That was unlucky for the cat. The carcass was thrown on top of a load of hay, intended to be used to ornament the highway between Irma and Hardisty, but it was the 13th and Friday, moreover poor pussy had been killed at 13 minutes past 13 o'clock, railway time. Before the hay had travelled a quarter mile the load upset. So there you are. Conditions are very quiet in the district at present.

WANT ADS

WILL TRADE — Good Italian Bees, spring delivery, for willow posts. — H. W. Love, Irma, Alta.

WANTED — Winnipeg Couch and Mattress. — Mrs. Yeend, Irma, Alta.

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Christmas

Christmas—with its visions of well-filled stockings, its dreams of Santa Claus and his fleet-footed racers, its unbounded joy and happiness. Christmas—ever in the future, yet always of the past—the fondest page in Memory's book of treasures.

It is the Season of the Soul—and our better natures are at their best. There is cheer and warmth for all we meet. The spirit of giving comes into its own. Joy is radiated to every corner of the earth. And the Angel's Message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" finds fertile root in every heart.

It is the Gift Season — the season when families gather around the Christmas Tree which is laden down with tokens of love—when friend remembers friend—and gifts are exchanged that seal the friendship for another year.

In Irma, good old Christmas customs still prevail. Many hearts will be warmed and gladdened by the receipt of gifts from friends. Let us make this a Christmas in every respect by acting towards our relatives, friends and neighbors in the true spirit of Christmas!



The TIMES Takes this opportunity of wishing

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